

Celebrating A Precious Life



*Thank you from the depths of my being.
I couldn't have done it without you. I
love each and everyone of you!!*

Vicki Lynn

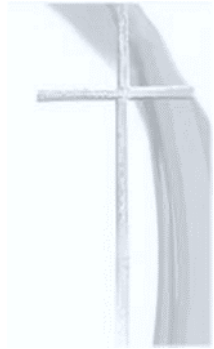


Later in her career, Vicki dedicated herself to serving others as the Career Services Director for Cankdeska Cikana Community College from Fort Totten, ND. In addition to her professional achievements, Vicki attained the prestigious title of Master Grad from Rapport Leadership International in Las Vegas, NV and held a Strength Coaching Certificate. Furthermore, she was a Certified Life Coach, utilizing her knowledge and empathy to support and uplift others. Vicki also gave back to her community by serving on the Fort Totten Little Theatre Board of Directors after having starred in “The Music Man” nearly 40 years earlier. She was a member of the Lake Region Search and Rescue Team, having served as the Team’s President. Vicki’s passion for quilting led her to become an active member of the Lake Region Quilters Guild.

Vicki’s love of family was unparalleled. Her marriage to David Oehlke on May 2, 1970 brought immeasurable joy to both their lives. Dave was her rock, providing unwavering support throughout their journey together. Vicki was a devoted mother to Carren (Chris) Leever of Castle Rock, CO, and Jeb Oehlke of Devils Lake. As a grandmother, she cherished precious moments spent with Lexi Leever (Martin) Thomas, Lachlan Leever, Spencer Leever, Tatum Leever; great-grandchildren Naomi and Monroe Thomas, Lachlan Leever Jr. Vicki deeply cherished these relationships and leaves behind a legacy of love that will be carried on through generations. She is also survived by her beloved sister Laurie (Greg) Lange of Bismarck, sister-in-law Mary Oehlke, Devils Lake and several precious nieces, nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, in-laws Herman and Emma (Rusten) Oehlke and brother-in-law Bill Oehlke.

Vicki Lynn Oehlke will forever be remembered for her unwavering dedication to both her family and community, her thirst for knowledge, and her love of creativity through quilting and knitting. In times of hardship, Vicki faced adversity with courage and strength. She battled cancer for many years but never let it dampen her spirit or diminish her love for life. Surrounded by her beloved family during her final moments on earth, Vicki left this world with dignity and grace. Though she may no longer walk beside us, her spirit will live on in our hearts.

Rest in peace, dear Vicki. You will be deeply missed.



Vicki Lynn Oehlke, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully at her home in Devils Lake, ND on September 4, 2023. She was born on February 24, 1949, at Mercy Hospital in Devils Lake to Arthur and Doris (Peterson) Staren.

A lifelong learner herself, Vicki embraced education as a means of growth. She graduated from Devils Lake High School in 1967 before attending the Professional Business Institute (PBI) Minneapolis to become a certified Medical Technician. Later in life, she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from UND in Grand Forks, ND in 2001. Vicki pursued further education and earned a Master's Degree in Business from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

Vicki's journey in her professional life was diverse and impactful. She began her career as a Medical Technician at Valley Vet Clinic in Fargo, ND from 1968 to 1970. Following this role, she worked as a Teller at 1st National Bank in Moorhead, MN between 1970 and 1972. Eventually, Vicki found her calling in the world of real estate and became a highly respected Real Estate Broker. She started with Felchle Real Estate and went on to become the owner of Oehlke Investment Properties.

Aside from her successful career as a real estate broker, Vicki also embarked on an exciting entrepreneurial journey as a partner and owner of Willow Berry Lane. Through her fabric and quilt design business, she met countless interesting people who shared her love for quilting. She found solace in quilting, quilt design, and knitting. Her creative spirit knew no bounds, and she poured love, dedication, and patience into every stitch. Vicki's quilts will forever remain a testament to her artistry and the countless hours she spent bringing warmth and beauty into the lives of others.

*How many times
Must we hope, laugh or cry?
How does love remain
When at last there's good-bye?*

*When that chair sits forlorn
Where you used to sit,
Or your notebooks with lists
Gather dust.*

*When a drive to nowhere
Just to be together
And away from the strife
Of life's bitter crust.*

*We hold onto memories of
What used to be,
And gaze into forever for
What we cannot see.*

*With a faith that binds us
Within and without
God's love and ours
Again will unite us
No Doubt.*

Written by Dave

Fragrant Memories Pattern



As Vicki's family, we thank you so very much for your many acts of kindness, shown in thought, word and deed and for your prayerful support over these past weeks and months. Please join us for fellowship and the continuation of celebrating Vicki's life at Black Paws following the graveside service.

*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts
Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother,
Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, Friend*

Vicki Lynn Oehlke

HER BIRTH

*Thursday, February 24, 1949
Devils Lake, North Dakota*

HER DEATH

*Monday, September 4, 2023
At her home, Devils Lake, North Dakota*

TIME OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Monday, September 11, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.*

FUNERAL SERVICE

*St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Devils Lake, North Dakota
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.*

CELEBRANT

Reverend Lori Pankratz

MUSIC

*Congregational Hymns
Jean Aardahl, Pianist*

URN BEARERS

Vicki's Grandchildren
Lexi, Lachlan, Spencer, and Tatum

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST

*Devils Lake Cemetery
Devils Lake, North Dakota*